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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. US FIRMS NATIONALIZED BUT OIL FLOW TO CONTINUE

LIBYA HAS NATIONALIZED 51 PERCENT OF SEVERAL US (AND NON-US) OIL PRODUCERS. PETROLEUM MINISTER MABRUK PRESENTED THE DECREE TO COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND REQUESTED THEIR COMMENT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. MEANWHILE LIFTINGS ARE TO CONTINUE AS USUAL. IN JUSTIFYING THE MOVE, PRIME MINISTER JALLUD ACCUSED THE US OF PRESERVING ITS INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC POSITION BY POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCE AND BY FAILURE TO HELP SOLVE SUCH HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AS THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. HE WAS COY ON THE ISSUE OF PRODUCTION RESTRICTIONS SAYING "NO RULER CAN GUARANTEE THE SUPPLY OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY WITH
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OIL." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TRIPOLI 1124, 9/1; TRIPOLI

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1125, 9/2; FBIS 72, 9/2.

2. SUBCONTINENT AGREEMENT: INDIAN AND BRITISH REACTION

EMBASSY NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT INDIAN REACTION TO THE AUGUST 28 INDIA-PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ONE OF RELIEF AND SATISFACTION, BUT NOT EXCITEMENT. SOME

FELT THAT INDIA GOT LITTLE IN EXCHANGE FOR FREEING THE PAKISTANI PRISONERS. THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THEY THINK PAKISTAN HAS AT LEAST TACIT INDIAN AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN PREVENTING THE TRIALS OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS BY BANGLADESH. (CONFIDENTIAL) NEW DELHI 10186 AND LONDON 9999, 8/31.

3. GREEKS NEAR AGREEMENT ON POLITICAL GOVERNMENT

AN AUGUST 30 MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS AND SPYROS MARKEZINIS, FORMER LEADER OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, HAS LENT CREDENCE TO REPORTS IN ATHENS THAT MARKEZINIS WILL BE NAMED PRIME MINISTER AND ENTRUSTED WITH THE FORMATION OF A POLITICAL GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY ATHENS NOTES THAT MARKEZINIS HAS OFTEN STATED THAT HIS CHIEF CONDITIONS FOR ASSUMING THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP INCLUDE FREELY CONDUCTED ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT UNDER A POLITICAL GOVERNMENT AND PERMISSION FOR REALISTIC PARTY ORGANIZATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 6141, 8/31.

4. SCHEEL ON US-EUROPE, FRG-FRANCE

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FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE US-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE IN AN AUGUST 3L MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND. IN SPITE OF FRENCH HESITANCY, THE FRG WAS WORKING HARD FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME. AN IMPORTANT LIMITING FACTOR, IN SCHEEL'S VIEW, WAS THE LACK OF A COMMON EC POLITICAL SPOKESMAN. SCHEEL WAS NOT CLEAR ON PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTACTING THE US ABOUT IDEAS FOR THE DIALOGUE. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS SCHEEL'S OPTIMISM SEEMED

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SOMEWHAT LABORED ON BOTH TOPICS. (SECRET) BONN12589 9/1 (LIMDIS).

5. EC MOVES FORWARD ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

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A BELGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY BRUSSELS THAT THE ITALIANS ARE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AMONG THE EC NINE ON

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1.DOCUMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT-S TRIP TO EUROPE. THE OFFICIAL WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE EMERGENCE OF A DRAFT DOCUMENT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10-11 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. THE OFFICIAL INDICATED THE FRENCH WERE BEGINNIN TO ACCEPT THE NEED TO PREPARE MULTILATERALLY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BRUSSELS 498,, 8/31.

6. WEST BERLIN OFFICIALS DEFEND FRG OFFICE IN BERLIN

BERLIN'S GOVERNING MAYOR AND SPOKESMEN FOR THE BERLIN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (CDU) AND FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FDP) HAVE PUBLICLY REJECTED THE AUGUST 30 PRAVDA CRITICISM OF THE FRG INTERIOR MINISTER'S DECISION TO LOCATE THE FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. THE MAYOR ASSERTED THAT THE DECISION WAS IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. (UNCLASSIFIED) BERLIN 1519, 8/31.

7. PRC PARTY CONGRESS: THE VIEW FROM PEKING

USLO PEKING NOTES THAT THE STRIDENT TONES IN WHICH THE PARTY CONGRESS ATTACKED THE SUPERPOWERS, BOTH THE US AND THE USSR, WAS AT VARIANCE WITH THE ACTUAL TREATMENT USLO PERSONNEL HAVE EXPERIENCED AND WITH THE DE FACTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE US-PRC RELATIONSHIP. THE US WAS DEALT WITH LESS HARSHLY THAN THE USSR IN THE CONGRESS WORK REPORT, AND BENEATH THE RHETORIC THE REPORT REFLECTS THE IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL TIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) PEKING 969, 9/1.

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8. THAILAND: EFFECTS OF US WITHDRAWAL

THE INITIAL REDUCTION OF US AIR FORCES IN THAILAND HAS TO A LARGE EXTENT DEFUSED THE MILITARY PRESENCE QUESTION. INFLUENTIAL SEGMENTS OF THAI OPINION APPEAR TO BE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF MODERATE AND GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL. OCCASIONALLY, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS EXPRESS THE FEAR THAT WITHDRAWAL WILL ENCOURAGE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADVENTURISM, BUT SUCH FEARS WILL NOT HINDER THE MOMENTUM OF REDUCTION. EMBASSY BANGKOK RECOMMENDS THAT, WHEN THIS INITIAL PHASE IS COMPLETED, FURTHER GRADUAL WITHDRAWALS OVER A SPECIFIED PERIOD BE JOINTLY ANNOUNCED. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 13699, 9/1.

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9. KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE SHOWS STRAINS IN KOREAN LEADERSHIP

AS RESULT OF THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE, EXISTING RI-
VAL IES AND STRAINS AMONG TOP KOREAN OFFICIALS HAVE
INTENSIFIED. BECAUSE OF THE IMPLIED KOREAN CIA (KCIA)
ROLE IN THE KIDNAPPING, THE KCIA AND ITS CHIEF, LEE
HU-RAK, ARE UNDER FIRE FROM SEVERAL QUARTERS, AND THERE
SEEMS TO BE A CONCERTED EFFORT ON THE PART OF OTHER
SENIOR PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER KIM, TO
DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM LEE, AND THE REST OF THE
GOVERNMENT FROM THE KCIA. PRESIDENT PARK'S ATTITUDE IN
ALL THIS IS NOT CLEAR. (SECRET) SEOUL 5897, 9/1
(LIMDIS).
0. AMIN'S ARBITRARINESS AGAIN APPARENT
CONCURRING IN EMBASSY KAMPALA'S VIEW THAT AMIN'S MOST
RECENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT NIXON IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE
AS A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE, WE HAVE
INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO TELL THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT WE
ARE RECALLING OUR CHARGE FOR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE
FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH UGANDA. (CONFIDENTIAL)
STATE 175074 KAMPALA 2722 AND 2733, 9/1. ROGERS

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